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SUBJECT: 4-D FIBERS COMPANY TRADE SAMPLES

REF: (A) DACCA 3127; (B) STATE 138996

1. 4-D FIBERS COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES GATES AND THOMPSON CALLED ON ARCHARD AUGUST 24 SEEKING ASSISTANCE WITH RETURN OF MISSING TRADE SAMPLES DISCUSSED IN REFTELS. THEY CLAIMED THAT ONLY ONE OF FOUR SAMPLES WHICH THEY TURNED OVER TO BANGLADESHI OFFICIALS HAS BEEN RETURNED TO THEM AND THAT THE OTHERS ARE APPARENTLY STILL IN DACCA. GATES VOICED HIS CONCERN THAT SAMPLES MAY HAVE GOTTEN INTO THE WRONG HANDS, THUS MAKING IT POSSIBLE FOR SOMEONE TO CO-OPT THEIR TECHNOLOGY. HE MENTIONED IN THIS CONNECTION THAT A PRODUCT PRODUCED IN INDIA AND SIMILAR TO THEIRS HAS RECENTLY TURNED UP RATHER MYSTERIOUSLY AT A TESTING FACILITY IN THE US.

2. THE THREE MISSING SAMPLES DESCRIBED AS (A) ONE AND 1/2
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INCHES BY 1 AND 1/2 INCHES BY 12 INCHES -- A SOLID 1/5
SCALE RAILROAD TIE WHICH GATES CLAIMED TO HAVE SEEN IN
DACCA IN THE CARE OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BANGLADESH JUTE
MILLING CORPORATION, SALAHUDDIN AHMED. AHMED REPORTEDLY
WOULD NOT COMPLY WITH THEIR REQUEST TO TURN BACK THE

SAMPLE, SAYING THAT HE FIRST NEEDED AUTHORIZATION FROM THE

BANGLADESH EMBASSY; (B) 3 INCHES BY 1 AND 1/2 INCHES BY 2 INCHES -- THIS IS ANOTHER SOLID RAILROAD TIE OF DIFFERENT SCALE; AND (C) 3 INCHES BY 5 INCHES BY 3/8 INCHES -- A SOLID PIECE WHICH HAS A SCREW AND NAIL DRIVEN INTO IT, ALONG WITH A DRILLED HOLE. 4-D REPS DID NOT SEE EITHER (B) OR (C) WHILE IN DACCA.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CHECKING FURTHER INTO THE MATTER. FYI. THERE IS STILL CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN THE CASE.

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